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SUBJECT: MBFR: WG CHAIRMAN'S ORAL REPORT TO SPC ON DATA

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

THERE FOLLOWSTEXT OF SPEAKING NOTE ON WHICH MBFR WG CHAIRMAN DREW  
AT OUTSET OF SPC MAY 17 DISCUSSION OF DATA, WITH HIGH PRECEDENCE  
COPY BEING FORWARDED TO USDEL MBFR AT DEPTREP DEAN'S SPECIFIC  
TELEPHONIC REQUEST TO DCM MCAULIFFE FOR ALL DETAILS OF SPC DISCUSSION  
ON DATA. ANNEX REFERRED TO IN TEXT IS TABLE TRANSMITTED USNATO 2695.  
REPORT ON DISCUSSION SEPTTEL.

BEGIN TEXT

THE MBFR WORKING GROUP AGREED ON 15 MAY THAT I SHOULD REPORT TO  
YOU TODAY THE RESULTS TO DATE OF THEIR DELIBERATIONS ON THE DATA  
REQUIREMENTS OF THE AD HOC GROUP IN VIENNA, AS EXPRESSED IN THE AHG  
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MESSAGE OF 3 APRIL, 1974. THIS REPORT IS ON MY OWN RESPONSIBILITY.

WE CAN MEET THE REQUEST FOR GROUND AND AIR MANPOWER FIGURES,  
FOR NATO AND PACT FORCES, IN THE NATO GUIDELINES AREA, KKEN DOWN BY

COUNTRIES, EXCEPT THAT THERE ARE NO NATO AGREED FIGURES ON SOVIET AIR MANPOWER FIGURES IN THE GDR, POLAD AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA INDIVIDUALLY. THE AVAILABLE FIGURES ARE GIVEN IN THE ANNEX TO MY SPEAKING NOTE, CIRCULATED TODAY. THE GROSS FIGURES FOR GROUND FORCE MANPOWER ARE HIGHER THAN THOSE ADOPTED BY NATO FOR NEGOTIATING PURPOSES. THE NATO GROUND MANPOWER STRENGTH IS 798,000 - HIGHER BY 21,000 THAN THE 777,000 CURRENTLY IN USE. THE INCREASES ARE DUE PRIMARILY TO INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ACTIVE DUTY FRG ARMY PERSONNEL NOT PREVIOUSLY COUNTED, AND ALSO TO THE INCLUSION OF 7,000 NL "SHORT LEAVE" PERSONNEL. THE WARSAW PACT FIGURE FOR GROUND MANPOWER IS 927,000 - HIGHER BY 2,000 THAN THE PREVIOUS ESTIMATE.

TURING NOW TO THE THIRD PART OF THE AD HOC GROUP'S REQUEST - THE IDENTIFICATION OF ORGANISATIONAL DIFFERENCES IN THE CONTEXT OF DEFINING GROUND FORCES. ESSENTIALLY THIS IS A QUESTION OF SHOWING WHICH AIR FORCE PERSONNEL DO TASKS CARRIED OUT BY ARMY PERSONNEL IN MOST PACT FORCES AND IN SOME NATO FORCES. THE WORKING GROUP HAVE IDENTIFIED THESE ELEMENTS IN NATO'S FORCES - AND THEY ARE SHOWN IN AN ANNEX TO THE WORKING GROUP REPORT. FOR THE WARSAW PACT, HOWEVER, WE CANNOT BE EQUALLY DEFINITE OR PRECISE. NATO AGREED INTELLIGENCE ON, FOR EXAMPLE, MISSILE AND HELICOPTER UNITS AND THEIR MANNING IS STRICTLY LIMITED.

THE WORKING GROUP COULD NOT, THEREFORE, PROVIDE ALL THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THAT SECTION OF THE AD HOC GROUP SIGNAL. MICREP VIENNA IS BEING INFORMED OF THIS, THROUGH NORMAL MILITARY CHANNELS, AND HAS BEEN ASKED TO ADVISE, AFTER CONSULTATION THERE, HOW FAR THE DATA NOW AVAILABLE WILL SATISFY THE AD HOC GROUP AND WHETHER MORE IS REQUIRED.

THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE WILL BE AWARE THAT THE WORKING  
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GROUP HAVE NOT ADDRESSED THE MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF THE REVISED GROUND FORCE FIGURES, NOR HAVE THEY EXAMINED THE MILITARY/TECHNICAL IMPLICATIONS IF THE DEFINITION OF GROUND FORCES WERE TO BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE SOME AIR FORCE ELEMENTS. THESE IMPLICATIONS WILL NEED REVIEW SEPARATELY.

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